

Recreation Residences Idaho Panhandle National Forests

The following procedure is for construction, remodel, and replacement and maintenance requests:

Open Season –New proposals will be considered from **September 15 through December 31 each year.** By utilizing “open season” we can better plan our workload and assign the appropriate agency specialists that will need to be involved with each particular project. This process will provide both you and us a better timeline for getting your project approved. Following is a description of how this process will work:

We will begin accepting proposals for new projects on **September 15, 2010 and accept them through December 31, 2010; these proposals will be considered for** processing prior to the 2011 construction season. To submit a request please fill out the “*Application for Modification/Construction for Recreation Residence Permit Holders*”. Please send the completed application to Debbie Butler at the Priest Lake Ranger District. Your application should be complete as possible. (Please submit your proposal before getting engineered plans completed as we may ask for additional plans or details) Other factors that will determine the priority, time line and cost for analyzing your proposal include:

- a) The proposal is a health and safety issue (highest priority);
- b) Cabin and tract eligibility (eligible for the National Register of Historic Places);
- c) Complexity of the proposal;
- d) Amount of time necessary for the required analysis for approval of the proposal;
- e) When the proposal is received;
- f) Completeness of the proposal.

Contract Historic Architect - Some of you may find it beneficial to hire your own historic architect to conduct the necessary analysis work on your recreation residence. Information on contractors will be provided upon request.

Cost Recovery – Refers to regulations that were implemented in February 2006 that allow the Forest Service to recover costs associated with processing special use applications and monitoring compliance associated with these proposals. These regulations were published in the Federal Register. This Federal Register link will be posted on the website for your information.

Site Inventory - Individual site inventory sheets have been completed for your individual cabin and lot. These inventory sheets will give you an idea of the archaeological potential of your lot and heritage status of your cabin and tract. These inventory sheets provide some baseline information on how complex any proposals concerning your lot and cabin might be. Copies of these inventory sheets will be provided to you upon request.

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